

**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 1996**

PRESENT:

- Mayor Walter Fitzgerald
- Councillor Bill Dooks
- Councillor Gordon Snow
- Councillor David Hendsbee
- Councillor Ron Cooper
- Councillor Harry McInroy
- Councillor Jack Greenough
- Councillor Condo Sarto
- Councillor Clint Schofield
- Councillor John Cunningham
- Councillor Jerry Blumenthal
- Councillor Graham L. Downey
- Councillor Larry Uteck
- Councillor Howard Epstein
- Councillor Russell Walker
- Councillor Bill Stone
- Councillor Ron Hanson
- Councillor Steve Adams
- Councillor Barry Barnet
- Councillor Bob Harvey
- Councillor Peter Kelly
- Councillor Reg Rankin
- Councillor Jack Mitchell

REGRETS:

- Councillor Bruce Hetherington
(For Health Reasons)

ALSO PRESENT:

- K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
- Wayne Anstey, Solicitor
- L. Corrigan, Interim Municipal Clerk
- Julia Horncastle, Recording Secretary

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with an invocation.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Added Items:

1. Food Allowances (Councillor Epstein)
2. Campaign Contributions (Councillor Epstein)

It was moved by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Downey that matters on the agenda be discussed by Councillors convening as Committee of the Whole, reconvening immediately thereafter as Council. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 9:10 p.m. with the same members being present.

Ratification of Recommendations - Committee of the Whole (January 15, 1996):

It was moved by Councillor Greenough, seconded by Councillor Barnet that the following recommendations, approved at a meeting of Committee of the Whole held earlier in the evening, be ratified by Halifax Regional Council:

1. Council Meeting Schedule - UPDATE

That the meeting schedule as set out in the January 11, 1996 report be adopted, with the provision that all meetings (excepting that previously scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17) commence at 6:00 p.m.

2. Briefing Session - HRM Organization Structure

THAT a briefing session with regard to HRM's organization structure, the staffing process, salary levels, etc. be arranged for **Thursday, January 18, 1996** in Halifax Hall (Halifax City Hall), commencing at 4:00 p.m.

3.

THAT the Information Report of January 12, 1996 from Mr. Anstey be officially received by Council.

4. Transitional Reports (Councillor Kelly)

- (a) That Halifax Regional Council endorse the efforts of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to have the Federal Infrastructure Program extended, and that letters be written by His Worship Mayor Fitzgerald asking the senior levels of government to accede to this request.
- (b) That Councillor Kelly's memorandum of January 15, 1996 be tabled, and that the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to present further information on this matter to Council.

5. Establishment of a Grants Committee

That Council authorize staff to bring forward as quickly as possible proposed terms of reference pertaining to the establishment of a Grants Committee.

6. Establishment of Pension Committee

THAT Council authorize staff to bring forward as quickly as possible proposed terms of reference pertaining to the establishment of a Pension Committee.

NOTE: Councillors Epstein, Rankin and Greenough currently serve on the Pension Committee of their respective municipal unit.

7. Social Services Delivery - UPDATE

That the Information Report dated January 12, 1996 received from the Commissioner of Community Services be tabled.

8. Council Support Services

THAT Council appoint an ad hoc committee made up of five members of Council representing a cross-section of Council to work with the Director of Administrative Services to develop a recommendation for the type and level of support services to be provided by the HRM to Councillors.

NOTE: The following Councillors had expressed their interest in serving on the proposed committee:

Councillor Sarto
Councillor McInroy
Councillor Snow
Councillor Barnet
Councillor Stone

Councillor Schofield
Councillor Cooper
Councillor Dooks
Councillor Blumenthal
Councillor Cunningham

9. Campaign Contributions

THAT the Solicitor be asked to prepare a full report on this matter for Council's consideration.

There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.

MAYOR WALTER FITZGERALD
CHAIRMAN

SUBMITTED BY:
LARRY CORRIGAN
INTERIM MUNICIPAL CLERK